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NEWS RELEASE

FORMER CORRECTIONS OFFICER SENTENCED TO 46 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Thomas A. Marino, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, announced today that Donald R. Miller, Jr., age 60, of Muncy, Pennsylvania, and a former state corrections officer, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Senior Judge Malcolm Muir to serve 46 months in federal prison for receipt of child pornography and possession of marijuana and following his incarceration, ordered to spend the rest of his life on supervised release. Miller was ordered to surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on January 8, 2007, to begin serving his prison sentence.

A jury found Miller guilty of receiving or distributing child pornography, possession of child pornography, and possession of marijuana after a five-day trial. In sentencing Miller, Senior Judge Muir determined that Miller had willfully obstructed justice by testifying falsely in his own behalf at

trial.

In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims.

U.S. Attorney Marino thanked the individuals involved in the investigation and prosecution of Miller and noted that today's sentencing concluded another in a series of successful child exploitation prosecutions by his office. He also noted that the stiff sentence should send the public a clear message that law enforcement has partnered with his office to combat child pornography and to protect the most innocent and fragile members of our communities, our children. The investigation was conducted by the FBI, Williamsport Resident Agency, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian A. Fisanick, Chief of the Criminal Division.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.
